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1726

1726 (MDCCXXVI) was a common year starting on Tuesday of the Gregorian calendar and a common year starting on Saturday of the Julian calendar, the 1726th year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 726th year of the 2nd millennium, the 26th year of the 18th century, and the 7th year of the 1720s decade. As of the start of 1726, the Gregorian calendar was 11 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	17th century · **18th century** · 19th century
Decades:	1700s · 1710s · **1720s** · 1730s · 1740s
Years:	1723 · 1724 · 1725 · **1726** · 1727 · 1728 · 1729

1726 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1726 *MDCCXXVI*
Ab urbe condita	2479
Armenian calendar	1175 ԹՎ ՌՃՀԵ
Assyrian calendar	6476
Balinese saka calendar	1647–1648
Bengali calendar	1133
Berber calendar	2676
British Regnal year	12 Geo. 1 – 13 Geo. 1
Buddhist calendar	2270
Burmese calendar	1088
Byzantine calendar	7234–7235
Chinese calendar	乙巳年 (Wood Snake) 4422 or 4362 — *to* — 丙午年 (Fire Horse) 4423 or 4363

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Events

January–June

- February 1 (January 21 Old Style) – The Conventicle Act is adopted in Sweden.
- February 8 – The Supreme Privy Council is established in Russia.
- February 13 – Parliament of Negrete between Mapuche and Spanish authorities in Chile bring an end to the Mapuche uprising of 1723–26.[1]
- April 15 – Isaac Newton tells William Stukeley the story of how he developed his theory of gravity.
- May 1 – Voltaire begins his exile in England.

July–December

- July 11 – André-Hercule Cardinal de Fleury, recalled from exile by King Louis XV of France, banishes Louis Henri, Duke of Bourbon, and Madame de Prie from court.

- August 7 – Pirate Nicholas Brown is captured near Xtabi, Jamaica.
- October 26 – Jonathan Swift's satirical novel *Gulliver's Travels* is first published (anonymously) in London; it sells out within a week.
- November – Mary Toft allegedly gives birth to 16 rabbits in England; the story is later revealed to be a hoax.
- December 24 – The settlement of Montevideo is founded by the Spaniards in the Viceroyalty of Peru.

Date unknown

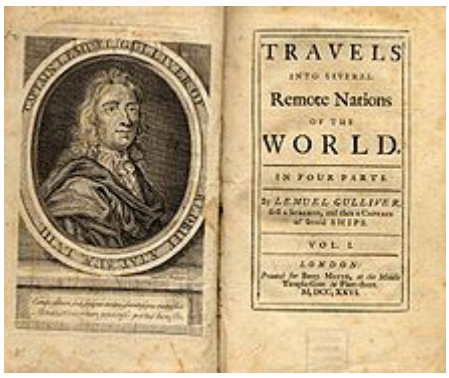
- The *Gujin Tushu Jicheng*, an immense Chinese encyclopedia, is printed using copper-based movable type printing.
- Muhammad bin Saud becomes head of the House of Saud.
- The remaining ruins of Liverpool Castle in England are finally demolished.
- In late 1726, Nader recaptured Mashhad.[2]

Births

- January 14 – Jacques-Donatien Le Ray, French supporter of the American Revolution (d. 1803)
- January 17 – Hugh Mercer, brigadier general in the American Continental Army, and a close friend to George Washington (d. 1777)
- February 4 – Jean-Jacques Blaise d'Abbadie, Director-general of the Colony of Louisiana (d. 1765)
- February 7 – Margaret Fownes-Luttrell, British painter (d. 1766)
- March 8 – Richard Howe, British admiral (d. 1799)
- April 5 – Benjamin Harrison V, signer of the American Declaration of Independence (d. 1791)
- April 8 – Lewis Morris, American landowner and developer, signer of the United States Declaration of Independence (d. 1798)
- April 12 – Charles Burney, English music historian (d. 1814)
- April 20 – Joseph de Ferraris, Austrian cartographer of the Austrian Netherlands (d. 1814)
- June 3 – James Hutton, Scottish geologist (d. 1797)
- June 14 – Thomas Pennant, Welsh naturalist (d. 1798)
- June 20 – Louise Henriette of Bourbon, Duchess of Orléans, mother of Philippe Égalité (d. 1759)
- July 30 – William Jones (1726–1800), British clergyman, author (d. 1800)

Coptic calendar	1442–1443
Discordian calendar	2892
Ethiopian calendar	1718–1719
Hebrew calendar	5486–5487
Hindu calendars	
- *Vikram Samvat*	1782–1783
- *Shaka Samvat*	1647–1648
- *Kali Yuga*	4826–4827
Holocene calendar	11726
Igbo calendar	726–727
Iranian calendar	1104–1105
Islamic calendar	1138–1139
Japanese calendar	Kyōhō 11 (享保１１年)
Javanese calendar	1650–1651
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 11 days
Korean calendar	4059
Minguo calendar	186 before ROC 民前186年
Nanakshahi calendar	258
Thai solar calendar	2268–2269
Tibetan calendar	阴木蛇年 (female Wood-Snake) 1852 or 1471 or 699 — *to* — 阳火马年 (male Fire-Horse) 1853 or 1472 or 700

- August 7 – James Bowdoin, American Revolutionary leader, politician (d. 1790)
- August 9 – Francesco Cetti, Italian Jesuit scientist (d. 1778)
- September 1 – François-André Danican Philidor, French composer, chess player (d. 1795)
- September 2 – John Howard (prison reformer), English philanthropist (d. 1790)
- September 26 – John H. D. Anderson, Scottish scientist (d. 1796)
- September 26 – Angelo Maria Bandini, Italian librarian (d. 1803)
- October 16 – Daniel Chodowiecki, Polish painter (d. 1801)
- December 4 – Lord Stirling, American brigadier-general during the American Revolutionary War (d. 1783)
- *date unknown*
  - Lê Quý Đôn, Vietnamese philosopher, poet, encyclopedist, and government official (d. 1784)
  - Cyprian Howe, American colonel in the American Revolutionary War (d. 1806)
  - Katsukawa Shunshō, Japanese woodblock artist (d. 1792)
  - Jedediah Strutt, English businessman (d. 1797)
  - Lady Anne Monson, English botanist (d. 1776)



October 26: *Gullivers Travels* by Jonathan Swift is published.

James Hutton

Deaths

- January 2 – Domenico Zipoli, Italian composer (b. 1688)
- January 12 – Hercule-Louis Turinetti, marquis of Prié (b. 1658)
- January 19
  - Franz Beer, Austrian architect (b. 1659)
  - Giovanni Battista Tolomei, Italian Jesuit priest, theologian and cardinal (b. 1653)
- January 25 – Guillaume Delisle, French cartographer (b. 1675)
- February 18 – Jacques Carrey, French painter (b. 1649)
- February 26 – Maximilian II Emanuel, Elector of Bavaria (b. 1662)
- March 5 – Evelyn Pierrepont, 1st Duke of Kingston-upon-Hull, English politician
- March 6 – Henrietta Catharina, Baroness von Gersdorff, German noblewoman; poet (b. 1648)
- March 13 – Alexander Pendarves, British politician (b. 1662)
- March 14 – Chhatrapati Shivaji Raje Bhonsale 2nd, 5th Maratha Emperor (b. 1696)
- March 26 – John Vanbrugh, English architect, dramatist (b. 1664)
- April 26 – Jeremy Collier, English theatre critic, non-juror bishop and theologian (b. 1650)
- April 28 – Thomas Pitt, British Governor of Madras (b. 1653)
- May 10 – Charles Beauclerk, 1st Duke of St Albans, English soldier (b. 1670)
- June 18 – Michel Richard Delalande, French organist, composer (b. 1657)
- July 3 – Galeazzo Marescotti, Italian Catholic cardinal (b. 1627)
- July 8 – John Ker, Scottish spy (b. 1673)
- July 22 – Hugh Drysdale, British Colonial Governor of Virginia

- July 31 – Nicolaus II Bernoulli, Swiss mathematician (b. 1695)
- September 22 – Aixin-Jueluo Yuntang, born *Aixin-Jueluo Yintang*, Qing prince (b. 1683)
- October 29 – Jean Boivin the Younger, French writer (b. 1663)
- November 22 – Anton Domenico Gabbiani, Italian painter (b. 1652)
- November 23 – Sophia Dorothea of Celle, queen of George I of Great Britain (b. 1666)
- December 2 – Samuel Penhallow, American colonist, historian (b. 1665)

John Vanbrugh

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